

# All in Readiness for Virginia League Opening

## JEEMS SULLIVAN WELL SATISFIED

Thinks He Has Good Team of Ballplayers, and Ready for Opening.

BY JAMES W. SULLIVAN, Manager.

There is little new I can say about the team which will represent Richmond in the Virginia League in 1911. Almost every one interested has had an opportunity to look the men over, and regardless of what I might say, the fans who have come out to the park have formed their own conclusion. I feel that I have a good team. The best feature of this team is that it is composed of "comers." By that I mean that each man on the team is improving each day, and when the season begins this afternoon I feel that the men are going to give a good account of themselves.

As to the pennant, the most I will say at this time is that I hope for the best. All I can give to the team I will. Work, and more work, until every single position on the team is filled in a manner satisfactory to me will be my policy.

Our club is absolutely within the salary limit, and it will be kept within that limit until such time as the league, if it ever does, decides to raise the limit.

We will line up as follows: Baker, third base; Wallace, centre field; McCabe, right field; Egan, second base; Martin, shortstop; Mattis, left field; Cowan, first base; Sullivan, catcher; Barker, pitcher. The rest of the pitching staff will be Pierce, Verbout, Ward, Lohrop, Lodge is the extra catcher.

## TRINITY DEFEATS GEORGIA.

Gannet Pitches Spectacular Game—Score 13 to 0.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Athens, Ga., April 19.—The fast University of Georgia team lost its first game in ten to the invincible Trinity College team, of North Carolina, this



COWAN, FIRST BASE.

afternoon in a wonderfully fast game, by the score of 13 to 0. The pitching of Captain Gannet, of Trinity, was of sensational variety. He fanned twelve, and allowed only one hit.

Thompson, of Georgia, also pitched well, allowing only four hits, and fanning fourteen. The lone run of the game was scored by Trinity in the fifth. Maddox was hit, and Cooper ran for him. Gannet sacrificed to second, and Foushee did likewise. Bumby singled to right, and by excellent base running Cooper scored.

In the sixth, with two out, Henderson parked one for three bases, and heavy hitting robbed him of a home run. Anderson then lined to second, who retired the side on a pretty stab. Trinity's finger, the catching of Maddox and pitching of Gannet, Thompson's stab of a liner for Trinity, were features of the game. Both teams are neck and neck for the Southern championship, and the winning of the game to-morrow between the same teams will largely determine it.

## Will Field Horse Show.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., April 19.—The Oakwood Country Club will hold a horse show on its grounds in Rivermont on May 20, at which contests for prizes may be won by the best of the breed.

## Talk No. 4.

### Our Organization

Our Organization is composed from the officers down, of men of energy, mostly young men, whose sole pleasure is derived from performing their duties ably and cheerfully. Men of initiative and honest purpose; men of optimism and faith in the business we are engaged in; men of vigor, who strive to make two minutes grow where only one grew before; to ably execute more work than has heretofore been thought possible; to live for and to be a part of our Organization and to respond at any and all times to the demands of our patrons.

Incidentally we sell Packard and Chalmers motor cars and operate a thoroughly up-to-date garage.

Gordon Motor Company

(If you have missed the previous numbers of these talks, duplicates will be gladly furnished on request.)

## DANVILLE TEAM WANTS PENNANT

Expects to Start Right Out Duplicating Achievement of Last Season.

BY JOHN W. CARTER, JR., Secretary.

Danville is going to start out to win another pennant in the Virginia League, and the business of getting the pennant will begin to-day, when we hope to take the first game of the season from the Colts. We have a well-rounded team, in our opinion, and a manager who will help us in our plans. Joe Laughlin is new at managing a team, but he is old in baseball knowledge, and that probably means as much as anything else.

We have been going quietly on, looking over our material, and regardless of criticism have carried out our plans. We are very confident of the going this afternoon, and the boys are just as anxious as any one else.

Naturally, we are not making any extravagant claims. We hope for much, and we are going to work for what we hope for. If we fall down it will not be because we are not hard, nor will it be because we will not continue to try. It is going to be a great season. All of the clubs, I believe, will be within the salary limit.

Here is the way we will line up: Morgan, shortstop; Irwin, right field; Frye, third base; Bromer, centre field; Schrader, first base; Laughlin, catcher; Coggins, second base; Smith, right field; Tanks, pitcher.

## COLTS CHAMP ON BITS EAGER FOR THE FRAY

Danville Will Start After Pennant Right at First Tap of Gong—Barker Against Hanks—Catcher-Managers Will Begin Championship Battle.

BY GUS MALBERT.

"Play ball!" the umpire loudly cried. The players came in hopeful pride. Play ball! with echo o'er the lot; Some will; and some, alas, will not! The one big day is here. No longer are we called upon to mope in dark corners, or to gossip in secluded spots. Fan-run philosophy has lost its value, and unwinked are the faces of the mighty. The day is here. Forgotten are the vigils of the frozen months; for given is the dulness of the mitted hours. The day is here.

Go to, ye pessimistic clod! Back to the sun, ye who rail and grinch. The earth smiles again; the heavens are gladdened and all but cantankerous cranks are waiting to hear that grand old strain, to which hundreds of thousands of hearts will beat cadence, "Play ball!" The day is here.

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We will be able to learn of the greatness of those marvels of speed and ability which developed during the pre-season period. Some hopes are doomed; some falls will be great. But do we care? In truth, should we care? Is not the playing season here? Are we not battling for a pennant? Verily, play ball will echo o'er the lot, and verily, some will and some, alas, will not.

Managers All Happy.

I have taken especial care and pains to ask each of the managers, or those who were entitled to speak for the prospects, what they thought of the proposition, and what they thought of their chances to land a pennant. Read what each has to say and note how guardedly they make claims for that grand old rag, and with what unanimity they acclaim the present season of the league, prospectively.

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McCABE, RIGHT FIELD.

## NORFOLK BUNCH PLEASES BABB

Does Not Know Strength of Opponents, but Willing to Take Chances.

BY CHAS. BABB, MANAGER.

I have some hesitancy in saying what my chances in the race are for the present, because I have absolutely no means of measuring the strength of my opponents. My club looks real good to me. The boys are a hustling bunch, appear to be able to hit well, which is a strong point; are very fast, and good base runners.

The weather has been bad, very bad, down here, and my pitchers are not in quite as good shape as I would like to have them. Still, I take some consolation in the fact that the other clubs have had about the same kind of weather, and are very early in the same fix as myself in this regard.

I feel very good over the prospects for a great season. I am looking forward to good support down here, and I believe that every other club in the league will be able to draw better this year than last. The Virginia League should be successful in 1911.

My team will be made up from the following players: Moehler, Finneer, Wallace, Pool, Stark, Duffy, pitchers; Law, first base; Anderson, second base; with Lutz and Brande aspirants; Dodder, shortstop; Babb, third base; Franks, left field; Kiehrer, centre field; Pagel, right field; Pool or Finneer will pitch the opener, with Block catching.

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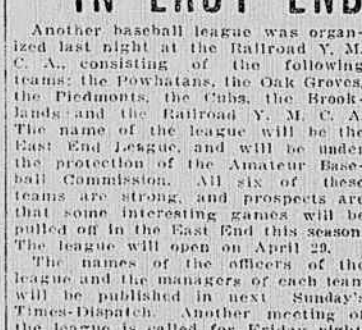
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EGAN, SECOND BASE.



SULLIVAN, CATCHER.

## W. B. BRADLEY IS OPTIMISTIC

Looks for Great Season and Has Utmost Confidence in Sullivan.

BY W. B. BRADLEY, Owner of Richmond Baseball Team.

I believe that the Virginia League is about to start on the most prosperous season in its career.

I believe that Richmond has a good ball team, and I have every confidence in Manager Sullivan; so much so that I am leaving everything entirely in his hands.

Our team is within the salary limit, and will stay within the limit at all times, regardless of what that salary limit may be.

I am hopeful for the best, and I think that we have a good chance to land a pennant.

We have done everything in our power to get together a winning team, and it is too late now to offer any explanations, if any were needed.

The playing season is here, and the supporting public will now have a chance to see how well the work of building up a new team has been done.



BARKER, PITCHER.

## How They Will Face the Barrier This Afternoon

DANVILLE. Morgan, ss. Irwin, rf. Frye, 3b. Schrader, 1b. Bromer, cf. Laughlin, c. Coggins, 2b. Smith, lf. Smith, p.

RICHMOND. Baker, 3b. Wallace, cf. McCabe, rf. Egan, 2b. Barker, p. Mattis, ss. Cowan, 1b. Sullivan, c. Barker, p.

Game called at 4 o'clock. Umpires, Connolly and Leary.

## SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET.

First Convention of Association of First Congressional District Teachers (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Hampton, Va., April 19.—About 100 teachers from all sections of Tidewater Virginia attended the opening session of the first convention of the First Congressional District Association of Teachers, which was held at the Hampton Baptist Church to-night. Addresses of welcome were made to the teachers by Mayor Thorn-



EGAN, SECOND BASE.

ton F. Jones and Division Superintendent of School John M. Willis. Division Superintendent G. C. Joyner, of Accomac county, made the response.

Hon. Rosewell Page, of Hanover county, delivered a splendid address on "The Opportunity and Obligation of the Teachers in the Intellectual and Moral Development in the Community." The convention will be in session until Friday night. A number of noted educators are expected here to-morrow.



WALLACE, CENTRE FIELD.

## STOCKSDALE SOME POPULAR

Fans Like Him and He Likes Lynchburg—Team Suits Him.

BY R. B. WILKINSON, PRESIDENT.

With the beginning of the Virginia League season, Lynchburg feels that she will have a team which will do honor to the city, and which will always be fighting up near the top. In Otis Stockdale the public have the utmost confidence, and the work he has done in whipping the team into shape has inspired many with the belief that he is the ideal man to lead the Shoemakers through a successful season, both from a playing and a financial standpoint.

The men brought to Lynchburg have improved very much with the practice they have had, though their other conditions have been considerably against us. About all I can say is that we are not making any claims for the pennant, but we are going to hustle and do the very best we can. We have some very good ball players on our team, and we hope that we will be in the running when the season advances.

Following is a list of the players with which we will start the season of 1911: Keating, third base; Howdell, shortstop; McDonnell, second base; Boyne, first base; Morrison, left field; Shaw, centre field; Wells, right field; Hawkins, outfielder; Lucia, right field; McCormac, Goodfellow, catchers; Stockdale, Brooks, Hogue, Chewning, Carter, Bruck, pitchers.

## WORKHORSE PARADE WILL BE A FEATURE

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The management will follow, as far as conditions will permit, the lines as adopted at Boston, where one has been held annually for the past nine years.

The good that has come to the horses and mules of Boston from these parades is beyond estimate.

The most marked feature is the care and consideration shown the team on the part of the drivers. This is so evident that the city officials from the Mayor down and the charitable institutions, such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are strong supporters and liberal contributors, besides the support received from private individuals.

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F. J. Madden, of South Boston, was second, only missing getting inside the record through an accident; Ed Fabore, of Montreal, was a poor third, and Robert J. Fowler, of Cambridge, a close fourth.

Although he is but twenty-one years old, De Mar is an old hand at long-distance racing, for he finished second in the Marathon a year ago, and in the same position in the race to Brockton last fall, while he has won several first prizes at shorter distances.

The weather was ideal, the roads were perfect, and the runners in splendid trim. More than 200,000 people lined the course from start to finish. In the critical stages toward the finish there was continuous crowding onto

## HEINIE BUSCH JUST PINING

Sure That His Boys Will Deliver Goods—Hustling Bunch of Youngsters.

BY HENRY BUSCH, MANAGER.

With the entire team signed well within the salary limit, I believe that I have a good club—a gang of hustling, ambitious youngsters; fast, fair hitters, good fielders, and splendid wings. In addition, they are as sure a lot of boys as I have ever seen together on a ball club.

Naturally I have pennant-winning aspirations. It is my first managerial experience, and I want to make good. If my boys learn as fast as I think they will I'll give them all a run for the rag. There is not much else that I can say. We are at the beginning of a season which looks as if it will be the most successful in the history of the organization. Salary limit conditions have been overcome; harmony prevails, and all of the clubs will work for the benefit of the league.

Unfortunately, some of my players are sick, but they will be in the game. Keating, my third baseman, has a sprained ankle, but the doctor says he can work. Martin has been sick, but is now well. We will open with our full roster of men.

The team will line up for the first contest with Norfolk about as follows: Divers, centre field; Boone, left field; Keating, third base; Spencer, right field; Martin, second base; Busch, shortstop; Kiehrer, first base; Mace, centre; Hamilton, Hanifan, Bruckmiller, Frost, Chambliss, pitchers.

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## WEATHER BAD FOR ASPIRANTS

Shaugnessy Says His Payers Have Not Been Able to Get Practice.

BY FRANK J. SHAUGHNESSY, Manager.

We have lost so much time because of bad weather that the team is not in as good shape as it might be. Still, notwithstanding this handicap, I am satisfied with the material. The form will come with practice, and in the nature of things the weather must improve at some time.

Our work this year has been more difficult than heretofore, because we have been compelled to get together practically a new team. We have some old men back, but for the most part strange faces will be seen in our lineup. Making predictions is usually idle, and I am averse to doing anything of the kind. Of course, I want to win, and those who know me best know that I will leave no stone unturned to do so.

When the finish comes, however, I am pretty well certain that Roanoke will be found fighting up near the top, if not on the top of the heap. The youngsters are game, just spilling for the tap of the bell, and will improve as the days go by.

The season will be started with the following lineup: Wilkinson, second base; Shaugnessy, right field; Gardin, centre field; Holland, third base; Dotson, catcher; Schwartz, left field; Richmond, shortstop; Calhoun, first base; Cefalu or Draper, pitchers.

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